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Arcacha Smith Extradition Proceedings Are Dropped

DALLAS (AP)—Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith was officially released today from extradition proceedings started by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison during his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Lawyers for Arcacha threatened after the court action to sue Garrison and any persons who have helped finance his investigation into an alleged conspiracy in the assassination.

GARRISON SOUGHT to extradite Arcacha to New Orleans on charges of conspiracy to burglarize an armory in 1961 but, according to Garrison, the real reason was to talk to Arcacha about the alleged assassination plot.

Texas Gov. John Connally refused to sign the executive

warrant of extradition within the specific 90 days.

The governor said earlier the only way Garrison would get Arcacha to New Orleans would be to guarantee immunity from criminal and civil action.

ARCACHA'S ATTORNEY Frank P. Hernandez said his

client's "reputation has been stained forever both here and in other parts of the world" because of Garrison's actions.

"Since the moment Garrison injected Arcacha's good name into this investigation he became unemployable and

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has remained so until today—and not by choice, either," Hernandez said.

"This and other wrongs must be righted and I intend to see that this is accomplished," the attorney said.

ANOTHER Arcacha lawyer, Emmett Colvin, said the Cuban lost his job as export manager for a local refrigeration firm.

When asked if he thought Garrison would now leave him alone, Arcacha said, "Who knows? He's got a lot of power." He shrugged when asked if he thought there was anything to the investigation.

Arcacha was released from \$2,500 in bonds he had posted in connection with the extradition proceedings.